(b) whether the local authorities of the NHAI have been given directions to improvise and incorporate suggestions on this score;

(c) if not, what are the specific standing directions to Project Managers along National Highway 5 in Andhra Pradesh to incorporate rational and practical suggestions to enhance road safety;

(d) the details of such standing instructions,

(e) whether any interaction is taking place with people concerned with road safety; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) In reaches where the project preparation work is underwa y for 4-laning of various sections of NH5, proper safety measures are being included in the detailed project reports for implementation during execution.

A Manual for Safety in Road Design has been brought out by this Ministry. Indian Roads Congress has also published a number of standards concerning safety in the design, construction and maintenance of roads and bridges. These are being adopted for National Highway works throughout the country including those entrusted to NHAI.

(e) The Project Implementation Unit of NHAI and the Consultants engaged for preparation of detailed project reports are constantly interacting with the local administration and other authorities for enhancing the road safety measures of NH5.

(f) Does not arise.

Building of Landing Wharves

2723. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the schemes available with the Inland Waterways Authority of India to build wharves along useable canals and rivers actually being used for inland water transport.

(b) the funds allocated for this purpose in 1998-99 and 1999-2000 for the building of landing wharves by Government in different States;

(c) the amount of funds spent in Andhra Pradesh in 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(d) whether some demands have been made for additional funds for such schemes from Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The 9th Plan provision of Rs. 308 crore includes Rs. 94.25 crore for construction of terminals on three National Waterways. In addition, provision of Rs. 10.50 crore exists for Centrally Sponsored Schemes for development of IWT facilities by the State government, including wharves/terminals on useable canals and rivers. Under Centrally Sponsored Schemes, 50% of the scheme cost is given as loan to the State Governments on reimbursement basis.

(b) The funds allocated for the activities related to terminals on three National Waterways and against Centrally Sponsored Schemes during 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are given below :

(Rs. in crore)

	1998-99	1999-2000
NW-1	4.27	0.37
NW-2	1.79	1.78
NW-3	4.05	7.52
CSS		
West Bengal	1.13	0.25
Kerala	0.30	0.25

(c) to (e) No, Sir. There is no sanctioned scheme under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the development of IWT in the State of Andhra Pradesh.